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A MEMORIAL

URGING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENDORSE AND OBTAIN
MEMBERSHIP FOR TAIWAN IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 To the President and Congress of the United States:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, good health is important to every citizen of the world and
4 access to the highest standards of health information and services is
5 necessary to improve the public health; and

6 Whereas, direct and unobstructed participation in international health
7 cooperation forums and programs is beneficial for all parts of the world,
8 especially with today's greater potential for the cross-border spread of
9 various infectious diseases such as the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV),
10 severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), avian influenza, tuberculosis and
11 malaria; and

12 Whereas, Taiwan's population of more than 23 million people is larger
13 than that of three-quarters of the member states already in the World Health
14 Organization (WHO); and

15 Whereas, Taiwan's achievements in the field of health are substantial,
16 including one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia, maternal and
17 infant mortality rates comparable to those of western countries, eradication
18 of such infectious diseases as cholera, smallpox and the plague and being the
19 first country in Asia to eradicate polio and provide children with hepatitis
20 B vaccinations; and

21 Whereas, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
22 and its Taiwan counterpart agencies have enjoyed close collaboration on a
23 wide range of public health issues; and

24 Whereas, in recent years Taiwan has expressed a willingness to assist
25 financially and technically in international aid and health activities; and

26 Whereas, the World Health Assembly has allowed observers to participate
27 in the activities of the organization, including Palestine, the Order of
28 Malta and the Holy See; and

29 Whereas, the United States, in the Taiwan Policy Review, declared its
30 intention to support Taiwan's participation in appropriate international
31 organizations; and

32 Whereas, in light of all the benefits that Taiwan's participation in
33 the WHO can bring to the state of health not only in Taiwan but also
34 regionally and globally, Taiwan and its 23 million people should have
35 appropriate and meaningful participation in the WHO.

36 Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, prays:

37 1. That the President and Congress of the United States take action to
38 endorse and obtain, at a minimum, observer status for Taiwan at the World
39 Health Assembly and more appropriately, membership in the World Health
40 Organization.

41 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies
42 of this Memorial to each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE SENATE MAY 14, 2008.

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READ IN FULL AND
UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

Passed the Senate May 14, 20 08

Timothy S Bee
President of the Senate

Chapman Billington
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 14 day of May, 20 08,

at 11:27 o'clock W M.

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

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